

Settlement Society had reserved for us in township 37, range 19. This land would be near Engelfeld and about 125 miles distant from Rosthern. Why the Settlement Society did not reserve homestead land, lying much closer to the railroad, as for inst. at Leofeld and Hoodoo, only 35-40 miles off, remains till this day an unsolved mystery. These distant parts of the Colony could have been settled up by far easier and to greater advantage, after the new railroad, only one and half a year later, tapped these parts. Without any doubt the colonization society made some grave errors in regard to this scheme. A few days after leaving, Henry and his companions returned unexpectedly without having made any progress toward the goal. He told how they got stranded at Leofeld by believing stories that it was an impossible undertaking to try to push on and locate the land. Yet they hung around this place, until they finally ran out of money, grub, and feed, and were forced to return to Rosthern.

This first trip was soon followed by a second one, with the hope that it would result more luckily. Mother and we all realized that this staying at Rosthern could not go on forever and if it would not end soon, it was bound to prove fatal, in more ways than one, for our venture. Thus, the precious spring time and planting season, none too long in these parts any way, was speeding on, and we must plant a garden and put out some potatoes for the winter, then, we must build shelters for ourselves and the animals and put up enough hay for the latter, and try and get some prairie broken up for a crop in the coming year.

The second trip, however, proved once more disappointing. This time Henry and the men who acted as guides reached a point called Waldsee about 35 miles beyond their first turning point. They had lost their way and could find no trail that might be followed, in consequence of which Henry lost the rest of his courage and turned back. The expressions and the language he used when he reached home cannot be put down on paper. His faith in the country after this was gone forever. Poor mother!—She had a trying time henceforth, and that night, I know for a certainty, no soothing slumber closed her tearful eyes. She sought and found consolation in prayer with the result that she announced to us next morning, that she herself would go and find the homesteads.

To be continued.

Fifteen Years Ago

From No. 34 of St. Peters Bote

The Münster correspondent writes on the first of October that last Tuesday they heard a locomotive for the first time east of their place. Those who are used to railroads may consider such noise a nuisance, but to them it was like the sweetest of music. It was the harbinger of better days. No more drives to Rosthern. On Thursday the train crossed the Wolverine over the trestle and pulled into Münster. Yesterday (Friday) the higher officials of the C.N.R. came in a special train to select a location for a division point either here or six miles further West. The party was composed of Wm. MacKenzie, President of the company, D. D. Mann, Vice-Pres., M. H. McLeod, Chief-Engineer, C. R. Stovel, Right of Way agent and a few others. — Henry Haskamp, President of the German American Land Co., has announced that as soon as regular trains run through the Colony he will open up lumber yards at different points. — Joseph Kopp has erected a beautiful residence on his land, 1½ miles west of here.

— Chas. and Clemens Mayer returned from Rosthern last Tuesday, where the former bought Farm Machinery and Implements, household goods and two cows. — The Monastery expects to harvest 500-600 bushels of potatoes this year. It has recently erected a large sod stable for its ever increasing stock of cattle. — A short time ago Prior Alfred obtained his citizen papers. Having been born in Canada, a residence of only three months was required. Formerly a native born could obtain these papers only after residing here a full year, but last year it was reduced to three months. He probably was the first Benedictine to become a Canadian citizen. Those born outside of Canada must reside here three years before they can become citizens. — The log church at Münster is becoming too small. It is 20x40 and seemed too large when built; but now 20 to 40 people have to stand outside during services on Sundays. Dead Moose Lake church is also getting too small. — On Sept. 22nd the Legislature of the Northwest Territories opened its session in Regina. It is expected to be only a short session, lasting about two weeks. St. Peter's Priory is applying for incorporation as "The Order of St. Benedict." — Alb. Nenzel and John Manner left for Winnipeg on the new railroad, using the construction train as far as Kamsack and from there the regular passenger train. — John Spangler who has a homestead in T. 38, R. 22 intends to build a hotel in Münster this fall. — Next Monday Prior Alfred will leave for Winnipeg to buy a printing press for the St. Peters Bote which is to be published in Münster after New Year instead of Winnipeg as heretofore. — A Leofeld correspondent writes on the 26th of Sept. that two new statues arrived for the high altar. One represents St. Benedict and the other St. Scholastica. They are four feet high and were made by Max. Schneiderhahn of St. Louis, Mo. — Miss Theresa Flacher, Father Meinrad's housekeeper, left last week for St. Joseph, Minn., where she will join the Benedictine sisterhood.

St. Anne or Annaheim reports that the post office is in full swing. Arnold Dauk is postmaster with George Doecker as his assistant. Joseph Wisser of Dead Moose Lake will bring the mail from there every Saturday, leaving at 10 A.M. and expected to arrive at Annaheim at 1 P.M. He leaves again for Dead Moose Lake at 3 P.M. — Mrs. Werner Hallbach has been sick the past two weeks. — John Lignau is the possessor of a neat little house of which he himself was the architect and builder. — Ant. Schneider is now on his land. It's a pleasure to meet him; he is so pleased with the Colony. — Frank Schiltz is preparing suitable lodgings for three new families that are expected to arrive here in the near future.

Last Saturday, October 8th, St. Joseph's German church in Winnipeg was solemnly blessed by Archbishop Langevin. Part of the building is used as a school which is attended by 130 German Catholic children. Rev. P. Cordes, O. M. I. is the pastor.

At Athabasca Landing, north of Edmonton, the most northern Telegraph station has been opened up. From Athabasca Landing all goods destined for the Peace River country are despatched.

ADDENDA:

During the night of Oct. 4 to 5 the ground froze hard.

St. Peters Bote was not published at Münster after New Year as planned above but continued publication at Winnipeg till the end of August 1905.

— Quite natural for Italy to raise a kick. Look at its shape.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peters Bote.)

— A year has gone by since the Order in Council was passed forbidding the publication of papers in the language of the people with whom we had been at war. Peace has since been signed and also ratified by most of the powers, but the Order is still in force.

— Why is this? Is it not because hatred is still very much alive and our friends in Ottawa dare not permit what they fear might cause bolshevik outbreaks against the publishers of such papers?

— O, well! "Keep your shirt on" as my school-boy friend would say. Console yourself with the words of Longfellow: "Behind the clouds is the sun still shining—Into each life some rain must fall—Some days must be dark and dreary."

— The God that enabled you to cheerfully bear all the revivings and calumnies of the past five years, that enabled you to go peacefully your ways when your neighbors called you a hypocrite because you proved yourself loyal, will also enable you to wait until His grace shall have succeeded in making again the Canadian people as large-hearted as the future of this, your adopted country, is bright and glorious.

— Canada should mean more than an extent of country bounded by geographical limits. It should mean more than smiling valleys and lofty mountains, prosperous farms, towns and cities. Canada should mean the happiness of mankind, religious freedom and civil liberty.

— The best reward for any faithful work is the privilege of going on and proving our faithfulness with more difficult tasks.

— Some people are very opinionated and obstinate. A certain fast time crank in Moose Jaw swore last spring he'd never turn back the clock again. So last Sunday instead of turning it back an hour he turned it ahead eleven hours.

— This rainy weather is about the only thing for which the Union Government has not been blamed so far.

— Don't be a laggard. If you find that the procession is getting away from you, speed up. All of us cannot be leaders, but we need not be laggards.

— Don't keep the sunny side of you to the public and the cloudy side to your home. Let the sun of your existence shine at home first and then abroad.

— Don't bury your light if you want to set the world on fire. Rather work away and stop dreaming of doing great things. One small duty well performed is worth many castles in Spain.

— Don't carry a grudge about with you, for if you do, you may display it. Just remember how disagreeable is the person who is always finding fault and harping discontentedly upon unpleasant subjects.

— The conscience of a man must be a living tribunal within him, and he must bring his own soul and his own life before that tribunal.

— There is at this hour no work as important as that of Christian education. It means the saving of Christian civilization, and the saving of the Church.

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